



# COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 8, 2016

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Planting activities progressed ahead of average for most crops while development was limited by cooler temperatures in some instances, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Precipitation occurred in varying amounts primarily in northern counties, delaying fieldwork in these localities. In eastern Colorado, several strong storms produced locally heavy rainfall, hail and tornadoes. As of May 6, mountain snowpack statewide was 106 percent of average. The Southwest and San Luis Valley were 87 and 100 percent of average, respectively. Stored feed supplies were rated 6 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 18 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 59 percent average and 41 percent light. Cattle death loss was 1 percent heavy, 79 percent average, and 20 percent light.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted .....	92	75	84	85
Emerged .....	41	33	47	50
Corn				
Planted .....	36	19	35	45
Emerged .....	1	--	10	6
Dry beans				
Planted .....	1	NA	8	3
Onions				
Planted .....	95	89	87	88
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Planted .....	38	10	25	22
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Planted .....	94	72	82	60
Emerged .....	16	6	8	13
Sorghum				
Planted .....	2	1	12	7
Spring wheat				
Planted .....	64	51	57	70
Emerged .....	29	16	35	36
Sugarbeets				
Planted .....	88	76	86	67
Emerged .....	40	25	22	19
Sunflowers				
Planted .....	3	NA	3	2
Winter wheat				
Jointed .....	79	67	80	60
Headed .....	8	1	15	14
Cows calved .....	97	91	99	94
Ewes lambd .....	96	88	99	94

NA – not available

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### DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork .....	4.7	3.9	2.4	5.1
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	2	2	3	15
Short .....	8	9	15	27
Adequate.....	78	76	73	54
Surplus.....	12	13	9	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	4	4	7	22
Short .....	15	15	24	33
Adequate.....	74	75	64	43
Surplus.....	7	6	5	2

NA – not available

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### CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Livestock				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	1	1	4
Fair.....	13	14	20	27
Good .....	76	75	70	63
Excellent .....	10	10	9	5
Pasture and range				
Very poor .....	7	7	6	16
Poor.....	10	12	19	26
Fair.....	29	33	31	32
Good .....	46	41	40	24
Excellent .....	8	7	4	2
Winter wheat				
Very poor .....	1	1	3	14
Poor.....	11	11	11	17
Fair.....	22	23	31	34
Good .....	53	53	46	31
Excellent .....	13	12	9	4

NA – not available

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